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Seattle Freight Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: January 15, 2013 / 9:30 a.m.

Location: Seattle City Hall, L280

Members Present: Warren Aakervik, Bari Bookout, Mike Sheehan, Cameron Williams

Guests Present: Dan Graynski (Fehr and Peers), Neal Komedal (Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board), Tim Hillis (Charlies Produce), Thomas Noyes (WSDOT), Frank Rose (Sysco Seattle), Tim Bevan (CH2M Hill), Alex Sheldon (Mercer Corridor Project), Don Brubeck (West Seattle Bike Connections), Dan Burke (Port of Seattle), Christine Wolf (Port of Seattle)

City Staff Present: Dongho Chang, Tracy Krawczyk, Kevin O'Neill, Sara Zora, Eric Tweit, Kristen Simpson, Ruth Harper (all SDOT)

1. Welcome and Introductions

Board members, City staff, and other attendees introduced themselves.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of minutes

The Board did not approve the November 2012 minutes due to a lack of a quorum at the meeting. They will be approved by e-mail.

4. Chair's Report and Announcements

Warren Aakervik reported that road safety improvements in Ballard were announced at a December 27, 2012 press conference. He was not able to attend the press conference and requested earlier notice for these types of events, including project details, if possible. Here is a link to the relevant news release:

<http://mayormcginn.seattle.gov/new-road-safety-improvements-in-ballard-and-next-steps-on-burke-gilman-trail/>.

Bari Bookout reported that Bill LaBorde in Councilmember Rasmussen's office is taking the lead on filling the council-appointed FAB member vacancies.

The Board discussed whether to have the next meeting on February 19th, with is the day after a holiday, or on a different Tuesday in February. (Subsequent to the meeting, February 12th was chosen).

The Seattle Freight Advisory Board shall advise the City Council, the Mayor, and all departments and offices of the City in development of a functional and efficient freight system and on all matters related to freight and the impact that actions by the City may have upon the freight environment.

City Council Resolution
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5. Mercer West

Eric Tweit of SDOT presented the Mercer West construction project, which will begin in a few months. The Mercer East project will be complete by summer 2013. Starting in March, Broad Street will open with two lanes in each direction. Mercer Street will be restricted to two eastbound lanes from 5th Avenue North to Dexter Avenue North for approximately two years. In July 2014, Broad Street (in the project area) will be permanently closed. The full presentation is available at:
<http://www.seattle.gov/sfab/meetingpresentations.htm>.

6. Bicycle Master Plan – Multimodal Corridors

Kevin O'Neill and Sara Zora of SDOT lead a discussion of the multi-modal corridors identified in the draft Bicycle Master Plan. Multi-modal corridors are streets where there are overlapping priorities – for example, a Major Truck Street or a transit priority corridor that is also proposed to have an on-street bicycle facility. These multi-modal corridors will require more analysis in order to identify how the multi-modal needs will be addressed and how right of way space will be allocated. In some cases, it will be possible to accommodate bicycles on a parallel route.

Questions from the Board included:

Q: Are we taking into account loss of major truck streets due to the construction of the tunnel? A: When we develop the Freight Master Plan (FMP), starting later this year, the major truck network will be evaluated and potentially updated.

Q: Do you compare with transit streets?

A: in the Transit Master Plan (TMP), there are 15 priority corridors. If the bike facility is proposed on a transit street, it is thus identified as a multimodal corridor.

Q: Is there a minimum speed on streets that applies to bicycles?

A: Staff followed up with the following information:

This is a good resource from WSDOT that summarizes the state laws pertaining bikes:

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/bike/Laws.htm>

In summary:

- Bicycles/cyclists have the same rights and responsibilities when it comes to riding in the street as other vehicle operators (RCW 46.61.755)
- A bicyclist riding in the street can ride in a travel lane, shoulder, or bike lane (46.61.770)
- Bicycles are prohibited in some state limited access highways. It does appear (to one of Warren's questions) that a local jurisdiction can prohibit riding on some local street (3rd bullet in the attached); I don't know whether Seattle's local ordinances address this or not.

The SMC provisions related to biking are included here:

<http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/bikecode.htm>

Q: What is the timing for implementing neighborhood greenways?

A: The BMP update will identify a network of greenways as part of the planning map. In the current draft, there are approximately 225 miles of greenways. SDOT has funding to implement 7.5 miles of greenways in 2013.

Comments from the Board included:

- Concern about reduced capacity when assigning right of way to bicycles.
- Support for bike facilities that are safe without trucks and transit.
- Interest in looking at capacity in bus-only lanes.

Kevin suggested that the Board send SDOT a letter with their feedback on multi-modal corridors, both in general, and if there are specific streets they think should not attempt to accommodate bicycles.

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7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.